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Palmdale Man Pleads to Attempted Rape of High School Teen

A Palmdale man entered a no contest plea today for trying to rape a 17-year-old girl walking home from school, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Marlon Onshawtae Crowell (dob 5/17/79) entered the plea to one count of attempted forcible rape in case MA057334.

Deputy District Attorney Stephen Morgan said Crowell was immediately sentenced to 14 years in state prison.

Los Angeles County Superior Judge Lisa Chung of the Antelope Valley Branch also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On Sept. 5, 2012, Crowell followed the high school student and groped her, ripping her shirt, the prosecutor said. The victim was able to escape by running to a vehicle driving by and getting a ride home, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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